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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jim Bush, House Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence Staff, re Title IV
of H.R. 12240

1. On Friday, 2 June 1978, [] and I met with Jim Bush, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and told him that we wanted to informally let him know that the Department of State was attempting to rush a formal letter to the Committee objecting to Title IV of H.R. 12240 concerning excludable aliens. I told Bush that, while we did not have a formal Administration position on Title IV at this time, we expected that the letters to the committees appealing the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence budget authorization decisions would say that we believe Title IV to be unnecessary and that any dispute between the Department of State and the Department of Justice regarding the admittance of excludable aliens would be resolved in the context of the Special Coordination Committee overview of counterintelligence.

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2. Bush understood that what I was giving him was informal and for the assistance of Chairman Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.) in case he got any floor discussion of H.R. 12240 when it came up for House action.

3. This meeting with Bush was based on a previous call that [] had from Tracy Cole, OMB, who had informed us that State was asking for clearance on their negative position. Tracy first asked us if we could provide an Administration position from the Director on this matter. After consultation with [] and [] Office of Program and Budget Development, IC Staff, I told Tracy that we could not provide a coordinated position on short notice and really hoped that we could buy time in order to develop a response through the appeal letter. She seemed to accept this. It was on the basis of this set of events that I then went and spoke to Jim Bush. All of this was in expectation that H.R. 12240 would come up for vote on the floor of the House on 2 June. This did not happen. H.R. 12240 is now scheduled to come

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up for floor action on 6 June and we understand that the Department of State letter has been delivered to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. [redacted] is attempting to get a copy of the letter from OMB.

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